

II. REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1-27 were examined and were rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks made herein.

Obviousness-type double patenting

Claims 1-10 and 19-27 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,354,516. Claims 11-14 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 11-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,354,516. Claims 15-18 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 15-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,354,516.

Applicants enclose herewith a terminal disclaimer, disclaiming patent term beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,354,516. Thus, this rejection of claims 1-27 may be withdrawn.


III. CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number AERX-067CON3.

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